

LISTING OF AND AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for washing at least one item, comprising;

~~a frame having a dome shape when viewed from its end, and a generally semicircular shape when viewed from its side;~~

an endless pocket;

said frame comprising a stiffener disposed within said endless pocket, the stiffener having a length exceeding that of said endless pocket, so that ends of said stiffener overlap each other within said endless pocket; and

a flow through mesh on the frame which allows washing fluid to freely flow to and from the item being washed;

said apparatus having an opening through which the at least one item to be washed can be placed into and removed from said apparatus.

2. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the frame has an oval shape when viewed view from its bottom.

3. (original) The apparatus claim 1, further comprising a closing apparatus for closing the opening.

4. (original) The apparatus of claim 3, wherein said closing apparatus comprises one of a zipper, a Ziplock® arrangement, and a fabric fastener.

5. (original) The apparatus of claim 4, wherein said closing apparatus comprises a zipper, further comprising a pocket for a zipper pull of the zipper, the pocket being sized, shaped and positioned so that when in the closed position, the zipper pull is hidden, the zipper will remain closed, and the zipper pull will not damage items outside the enclosure.

6. - 8. (canceled).

9. (currently amended) An apparatus for washing at least one item, comprising;

a frame;

having an endless pocket;

said frame comprising a stiffener disposed within said pocket, said stiffener having a length exceeding that of the endless pocket, so that ends of the stiffener overlap each other within the endless pocket, said stiffener having a flexible peripheral shape so that flexing of said stiffener provides a pumping action to assist in circulating washing fluid through said apparatus; and

a flow through mesh on the frame which allows the washing fluid to freely flow to and from the item being washed;

said apparatus having an opening through which the at least one item to be washed can be placed into and removed from said apparatus.

10. (canceled).

11. (canceled).

12. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 9, further comprising a closing apparatus for closing the opening.

13. (original) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein said closing apparatus comprises one of a zipper, a Ziplock® arrangement, and a fabric fastener.

14. (original) The apparatus of claim 13, wherein said closing apparatus comprises a zipper, further comprising a pocket for a zipper pull of the zipper, the pocket being sized, shaped and positioned so that when in the closed position, the zipper pull is hidden, the zipper will remain closed, and the zipper pull will not damage items outside the enclosure.

15. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the frame has an oval shape when viewed view from its bottom.

16. (original) The apparatus claim 9, further comprising a zipper for closing the opening.

17. - 24. (canceled).

25. (new) The apparatus of claim 1, configured to have a dome shape when viewed from its end, and a generally semicircular shape when viewed from its side.

26. (new) The apparatus of claim 9, configured to have a dome shape when viewed from its end, and a generally semicircular shape when viewed from its side.

27. (new) An apparatus for washing at least one item, comprising;

a frame;

an endless pocket;

said frame comprising a stiffener disposed within said endless pocket, the stiffener having a length exceeding that of said endless pocket, said stiffener being configured so that a first end of said stiffener moveably telescopes within a second end of said stiffener; and

a flow through mesh on the frame which allows washing fluid to freely flow to and from the item being washed;

said apparatus having an opening through which the at

least one item to be washed can be placed into and removed from said apparatus.

28. (new) The apparatus of claim 27, having a dome shape when viewed from its end, and a generally semicircular shape when viewed from its side.

29. (new) The apparatus claim 27, wherein said stiffener has a flexible peripheral shape so that flexing of said stiffener provides a pumping action to assist in circulating washing fluid through said apparatus.